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ATLANTA (AP) -- CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER JESSE JACKSON AND BILLY CARTER WERE IDENTIFIED AS LIBYAN OIL AGENTS IN A SECRET CIA MEMO TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN MARCH, THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION REPORTED TODAY.

JACKSON DENIED BEING A LIBYAN AGENT, THE CONSTITUTION SAID IN A COPYRIGHT STORY, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED HE HAD WRITTEN THE LIBYAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON BEHALF OF THE WALLACE CO. IN TUSKEGEE, ALA., A BLACK-OWNED OIL CONCERN.

JACKSON, HEAD OF OPERATION PUSH, FOR PEOPLE UNITED TO SAVE HUMANITY, A CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP BASED IN CHICAGO, SAID HE ALSO "SENT SEVERAL LETTERS" TO THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT OF "OPENING TRADE ROUTES BETWEEN THAT COUNTRY AND BLACK AMERICA."

THE MEMO WAS SENT ON MARCH 31 FROM CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER TO ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, PRESIDENT CARTER'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER, THE NEWSPAPER SAID, QUOTING UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES CLOSE TO THE SENATE INVESTIGATION OF BILLY CARTER'S DEALINGS WITH THE LIBYANS.

A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MEMO, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

THE NEWSPAPER REPORT CARRIED NO ELABORATION ON WHAT WAS IN THE MEMO OR WHAT MADE THE CIA BELIEVE THAT JACKSON WAS A LIBYAN AGENT.

UNDER PROTEST, BILLY CARTER REGISTERED WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AS A LIBYAN AGENT ON JULY 14. HE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIVING A \$220,000 PAYMENT FROM THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT.

LAST OCTOBER, JACKSON TOOK A CONTROVERSIAL TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN WHICH HE MET WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT, SYRIAN LEADER HAFEZ ASSAD AND PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION LEADER YASSER ARAFAT. JACKSON EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE PLO, AND ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN REFUSED TO MEET WITH HIM. JACKSON LATER CALLED BEGIN A "RACIST."

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